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PSC APPROVES AGREEMENT REACHED IN LW SEWER CORPORATION RATE CASE

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an agreement authorizing LW Sewer Corporation to increase sewer revenues by approximately \$4,740 a year effective for service on and after May 31, 2005. This is company's first rate increase since July of 1996.

LW Sewer Corporation submitted a rate request on May 3, 2004, seeking to increase annual sewer revenues by approximately \$28,500 a year citing, among other things, an increase in operation and maintenance expenses and the expansion of existing facilities.

The PSC staff conducted a thorough audit of the books and records of LW Sewer Corporation. Based upon that audit, staff recommended an increase of approximately \$4,740 in annual sewer revenues.

The agreement approved by the Commission was submitted by the sewer company, the PSC staff and the Office of the Public Counsel (the state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Public Service Commission).

Customers are billed for sewer service every three months. Under the agreement, sewer rates for residential customers will go from \$39.54 per quarter to \$45.49 per quarter.

LW Sewer Corporation provides sewer service to approximately 200 customers in a development surrounding Lake Wauwanoka near Hillsboro in Jefferson County.